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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AJO IMPROVEMENT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS TO ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

E-01345A-10-0534

Docket No. E-01025A-10-0334

REQUEST FOR TELEPHONIC **CONFERENCE AND EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION** 

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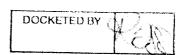
<sup>1</sup> ARRA § 1603(a), 26 U.S.C. § 48 note.

Applicant Ajo Improvement Company ("AIC") requests a telephonic procedural conference in order to determine a process by which the Commission can consider its Application under A.R.S. § 40-285.A to transfer fourteen (14) 69 kV distribution line poles and facilities to Arizona Public Service Company ("APS"). The reason for this request is that AIC was recently informed that approval of this Application is required before Recurrent Energy can receive grant funding under Section 1603 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 ("ARRA") (Recurrent Energy is the developer of the 4.5 MW photovoltaic solar facility planned for property owned by Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. near Ajo, Arizona; this facility is referenced in the Application).

AIC understands that ARRA 1603 funding is necessary in order to make the planned project financially viable. As it currently stands, a project must begin construction by December 31, 2010 in order to receive such funding.<sup>1</sup> The transfer of these distribution poles to APS from AIC is a necessary component to the project. Further, AIC understands that the Section 1603 grant funding available through ARRA may not be extended beyond 2010.

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AIC is aware of the resource constraints at the Commission and thus, does not make this request lightly. But AIC does believe that approving this application is in the public interest and will help meet renewable energy standards established by the Arizona Corporation Commission. In particular, AIC stands to benefit from reduced transmission losses and local generation with this project. But to have those benefits, this application must be approved.

WHEREFORE, AIC respectfully requests a telephonic conference to determine a procedure so that this matter may be considered by the Commission at the earliest scheduled open meeting.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

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